

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, re-examination and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.116, and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-15, 17 and 20 would be pending in this application. Claims 1, 4 and 11-15 stand withdrawn from consideration on the merits.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 9 and 16-20 stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,015,570 to Tucci et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,783,354 to Fagan. Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the reasons which follow.

In the attachment to the Advisory Action mailed December 2, 2004, the Examiner acknowledges that Tucci et al. '570 "does not directly disclose the actual wall covering substrate." Applicants agree and believe that a fair reading of the entire disclosure of this reference leads inevitably to the conclusion that the coated fabrics described therein are designed for one purpose only, i.e., insect-repellant articles of clothing, tent fabrics and similar outdoor articles which slowly release the insect repellent into the environment. This conclusion is consistent with the discussion in the Background of the Invention and in columns 9-10. There is no suggestion in this reference which would provide the requisite motivation to those of ordinary skill to prepare insect-repellant fiberglass wall coverings which slowly release insect repellent into the area adjacent to the wall coverings.

Fagan '354 discloses the preparation of sheet materials suitable for use as wallpaper containing a pressure-sensitive adhesive coating and a release sheet to protect the adhesive. No motivation is seen to modify the insect-repellant fabrics of Tucci et al. '570 by applying a pressure-sensitive adhesive. Moreover, the pressure-sensitive adhesives disclosed in Fagan '354 which are primarily composed of tacky polymers, are completely different from the second coatings of Applicants' products which are primarily paraffin wax.

In an effort to expedite prosecution by further emphasizing the distinctions between the presently claimed wall coverings and the cited references, the present amendment is being submitted. The features of claim 19 have been inserted into claim 17 and claims 16, 18 and 19 canceled. This does not raise a new issue since claim 19 was considered and rejected in the Final Rejection.

In claim 17, the second coating is now described as consisting essentially of about 80 to 99 wt.% paraffin wax and about 1 to 20 wt.% rheology modifier. The pressure sensitive adhesives of Fagan '354 contain minor amounts of a wax (e.g. 15.8 wt.% of an emulsion containing 16% of an unidentified wax in Example 1) and are significantly different in composition and characteristics than the paraffin wax coatings recited in the present claims.

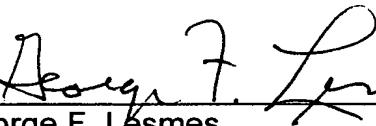
Entry of the present amendments is requested to place this application in allowable condition or in better condition for appeal. Such action is earnestly requested.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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